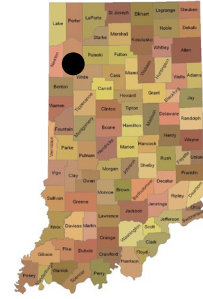


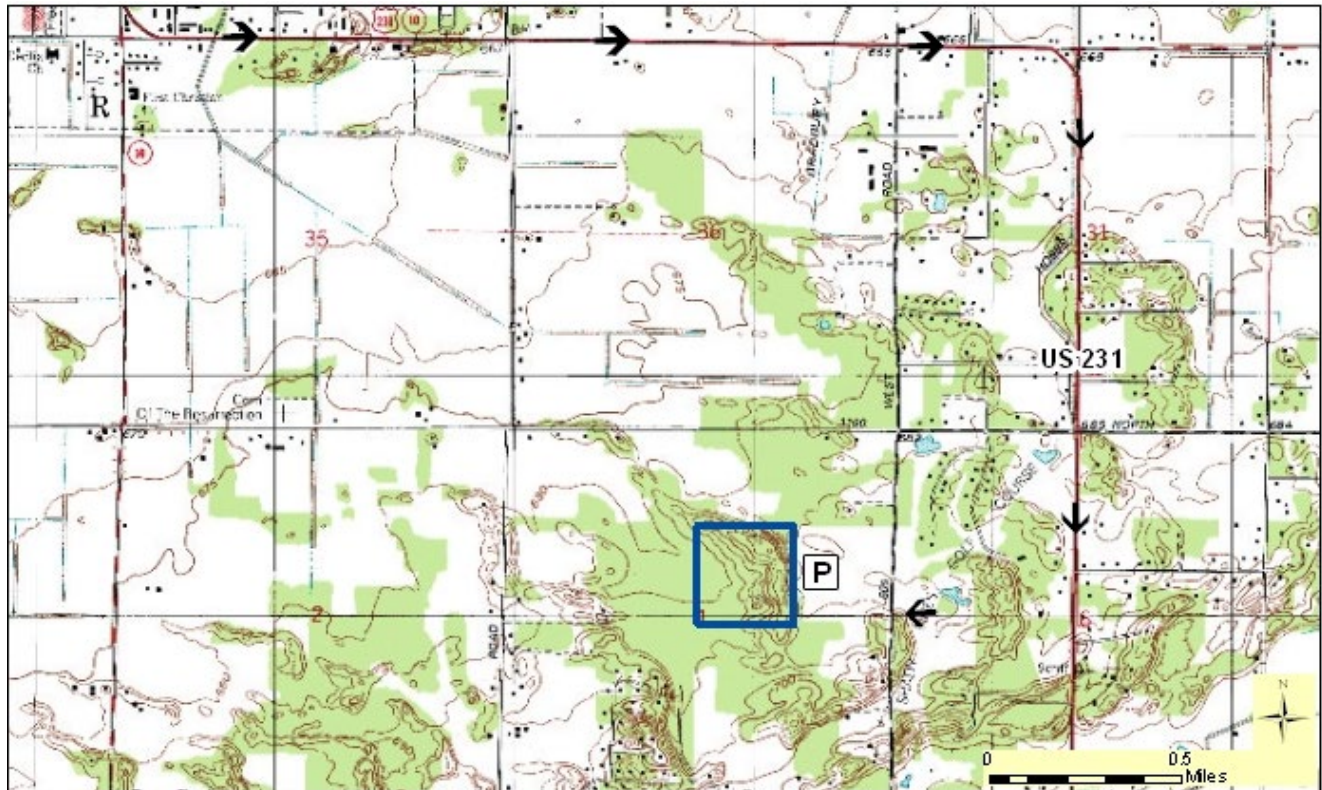
# Ciurus Park Nature Preserve (Thomas Ciurus)

County: Jasper      Size: 40 acres  
Ownership: Town of DeMotte



## Location and Access

**Parking and trail.** At the intersection of US 231 and SR 10, about 2.5 miles east of DeMotte, turn south on US 231, go 1 mile to CR 1100 N and turn right. Go west 0.5 mile to CR 600W and turn south (left). Go approximately 0.5 mile to Owen Court and turn right (W) to a cul de sac where you will find a parking lot and the trailhead. The trail is considered to be moderate with two hills to traverse. Trail surface is natural.



**Description:** This preserve, which was left to the Town of DeMotte by Thomas Ciurus, contains many plants and animals typical of the sandy hills of the Kankakee Valley. Two rare plants are located in the preserve: the bristly sarsaparilla and the cream wild indigo. A 0.7 mile trail enables one to experience a change in topography while viewing the wildflowers and grasses that grow there. Among these are the early blooming cleft phlox, rough blazing star, and the showy butterfly weed.

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